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SUBJECT: OMANI VISIT TO SOUTH AFRICA

1. FOREIGN MINISTRY UNDERSECRETARY AL ALAWI TOLD AMBASSADOR SEP 22 HE WAS ASKED BY FOREIGN MINISTER QAISHPAAWI TO INFORM HIM THAT ZAWAWI PRESENTLY IS MAKING VISIT OF SEVERAL DAYS' DURATION TO REPUBLIC OF SOUTH AFRICA. HE LEFT MUSCAT DAY OR SO AGO AND RETURNS BY SEPT 27.

2. AL ALAWI SAID PURPOSE IS SO OMANGOV CAN SEE FOR ITSELF JUST WHAT IS GOING ON IN SOUTH AFRICA. AS INDIAN OCEAN STATE, OMAN CONSIDERS IT SHOULD DEVELOP GREATER KNOWLEDGE OF THAT SITUATION AND BEGIN MAKING SUCH CONTACTS. HE EMPHASIZED OMAN HAS NO RPT NO INTENTION TO INSERT ITSELF IN ANY WAY AS A MEDIATOR IN PRESENT PROBLEMS OF SOUTHERN AFRICA. SAID ZAWAWI IS MAKING TRIP ALONE AND HOPES TALK WITH BOTH WHITE AND BLACK LEADERS. AMBASSADOR ASKED IF VISIT OR CONTACTS WITH OTHER SOUTHERN AFRICAN COUNTRIES ARE PLANNED, AND AL ALAWI RESPONDED IN NEGATIVE, AT LEAST NOT ON THIS TRIP.

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3. AL ALAWI ADDED THAT OMANGOV HOPES KEEP VISIT SECRET THOUGH SOME OTHER ARAB STATES (UNNAMED) ARE INFORMED OF IT. IF SOME PUBLICITY OCCURS, AL ALAWI SAID OMAN WILL NOT DENY THE VISIT. HE PERSONALLY EXPECTS SOME WORD WILL LEAK OUT.

4. COMMENT: OTHER RECENT SIGNS OF OMAN'S GROWING INTEREST IN SOUTHWEST INDIAN OCEAN INCLUDE JULY 1977

ZAWAWI VISIT TO SEYCHELLES AND LATE SUMMER 1977 VISIT HERE
BY OFFICIALS FROM COMORO ISLANDS.
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